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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
John Rutkowski
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e)). See Figure(s) 4a it is too dark.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity

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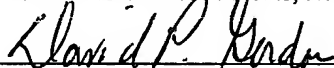
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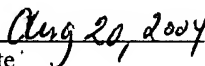
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Title: Surgical Retractor Apparatus for Use with a Surgical Port

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Date: Aug 20, 2004

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

SUBMITTAL OF DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY AND ADDITIONAL FEE

Please find enclosed Declaration and Power of Attorney documents in the above-referenced case which completes the requirements for filing. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$65, made out to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, to cover the cost of the late submittal of the Declaration and Power of Attorney documents. If any additional fees are due, please charge them to my deposit account number 07-1732.

Enclosed herewith are replacement drawings that are believed to comply with 37 CFR 1.84 and 1.121 of the Patent Office. If, for any reason, these drawings are not in order, please notify the undersigned immediately so that any additional delays can be avoided. This submittal is being made in a timely fashion.

Respectfully submitted,



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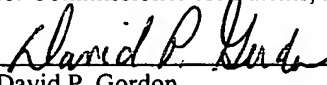
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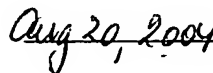
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SUBMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

In accord with the Notice of Patent Drawings Objection in the above-identified case, enclosed herewith are formal drawings that are believed to comply with the rules and regulations of the Patent Office. If, for any reason, the Official Draftsman should object to any of the drawings, please notify the undersigned immediately so that extension fees and additional delay can be avoided. This submittal is being made in a timely fashion.

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